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AROUND THE CAPITOL

Today is the official end of per diems for legislators. The House and Senate are still \$80 million apart on budget issues, and must reach agreements on school transparency provisions, private school scholarships, differences on reforms to the bottle bill and unemployment benefits and on an E-15 bill.

The House gavelled-in and gavelled-out today, without doing any floor or committee work. Both the House and the Senate will return to session on Thursday. In the Senate today, Senator Roby Smith gave his retirement speech in the morning. In the afternoon, the Senate passed six bills down to the Governor, including [HF 2562 MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOMES](#), and sent two bills back to the House, [HF 2078 WILLS](#) with an amendment, and [SF 2380 GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER DAY](#). [SF 2380](#) is a leadership bill and is not subject to the funnel.

The Senate approved [HF 2562 MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOMES](#) on a 32-16 party-line vote. The House approved the bill on a 60-37 vote, with two Democrats voting with Republicans for the bill.

Senator Sinclair said the bill is a balance between the rights of mobile homeowners and mobile home park owners. She said that the bill offers protections against retaliation, for non-conforming uses and for other matters. Senator Koelker, who supported the bill and one of the amendments from Senator Quirnbach, said that the bill is a step in right direction but is not the final step, and she will continue to work on the issue.

Democrats said that the compromises in the bill greatly favor park owners over home owners. They said that mobile home owners can be forced to deal with large lot rent increases or forced to move on short notice. They said that moving a mobile home can cost thousands of dollars and that an owner who cannot pay to move a home is in danger of losing their entire investment in the home.

Senator Wahls offered an amendment to the bill that incorporated [SF 2238 MOBILE HOME RIGHTS](#) from 2020. Senator Koelker was the lead sponsor on that bill, and the bill had 30 co-sponsors. The amendment was ruled not germane. Senator Wahls released a statement on the bill:

Two years ago, Senate Democrats and Republicans had the courage to take the first steps to protect those who have worked hard for their piece of the American Dream from predatory, out-of-state landlords taking advantage of Iowa's unequal protection for manufactured housing residents. In 2022, the Republican-controlled Senate is taking its orders from special interests and turning its back on Iowans living in manufactured homes.

APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

AS OF TUESDAY APRIL 19, 2022

HF 2560	AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES	Amended & Passed House 3.23	In Senate Subcommittee 3.29			
HF 2565	ADMINISTRATION & REGULATION	Amended & Passed House 3.24	In Senate Subcommittee 3.29			
HF 2564	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Amended & Passed House 3.24	In Senate Subcommittee 3.29			
HF 2578	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Amended & Passed House 4.5	In Senate Subcommittee 4.12			
HF 2575	EDUCATION	Amended & Passed House 3.29	In Senate Subcommittee 3.31			
HF 2558	JUDICIAL BRANCH	Amended & Passed House 3.22	In Senate Subcommittee 3.24			
HF 2559	JUSTICE SYSTEMS	Amended & Passed House 3.22	in Senate Subcommittee 3.24			
HF 2579	REBUILD IOWA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (RIIF)	Amended & Passed House 4.5	In Senate Subcommittee 4.12			
HF 2557	TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE & CAPITALS	Amended & Passed House 3.22	PASSED Senate Committee 4.13	In Senate 4.14		

TODAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

Bills to the **Governor**: (6)

Bills RETURNED to the **House**: (1)

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House Files: none (last introduced HF 2584)

House Study Bills: none (last introduced HSB 729)

WITHDRAWN: [SF 2240](#), [SF 2258](#), [SF 2379](#)

Senate Files: none (last introduced SF 2383)

Senate Study Bills: none (last introduced SSB 3161)

Resolutions INTRODUCED & ADOPTED in the **Senate**: (1)

[SR 123](#) HONORING SENATOR SMITH

Honors Senator Roby Smith for his 12 years of service in the Senate.

Resolutions INTRODUCED in the **Senate**: (1)

[SR 124](#) HONORING EAST HIGH (Rules) **Boulton**

Honors paramedics, laws enforcement and the East High School administration for their reactions to the recent shooting at East High.

Confirmation Calendar:

The **Senate CONFIRMED** Ashley Baker, *Child Advocacy Board*, 44-4

The **Senate CONFIRMED** Denise Bubeck, *Department of Corrections Board*, 48-0

The **Senate CONFIRMED** Nathan Petersen, *State Board of Education*, 48-0

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Bills to the Governor: (6)

[HF 2123](#) MISSING PERSON CASES

Allows criminal and juvenile justice to disseminate the personal information and photos of a person who is a missing person or is involved in the disappearance of a minor. Effective immediately.

The **House PASSED** the bill 95-0 (2/21)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

[HF 2171](#) NURSING HOME RATES

Authorizes the DHS to release nursing facility rates prior to receiving federal approval and to retroactively adjust rates as needed.

The **House PASSED** the bill 95-0 (2/22)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

[HF 2372](#) TERMINATING PREGNANCIES

Makes it a Class D felony to attempt to terminate a pregnancy without the consent of the woman.

The **House PASSED** the bill 97-0 (2/23)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 47-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

[HF 2489](#) AUDITOR POWERS

Requires the State Auditor to create divisions in the office, including an Attest Division, to be headed by a CPA and subject to Senate confirmation. Requires that the deputy auditor meet the competency standards to sign an accountant's report if the Auditor is not a CPA. Requires the State Auditor to comply with continuing education requirements for CPAs. Other: Deems peer review reports to be confidential peer review records. Deems that the Office of the Auditor qualifies as a certified public accounting firm. Includes other requirements/provisions for the Office of the Auditor to receive a permit as a public accounting firm. Effective on enactment and retroactive to 2002.

The **House PASSED** the bill 91-0 (3/10)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

[HF 2518](#) OVERWEIGHT CRANES

Establishes new annual permit requirements for moving cranes up to 80,000 pounds, including route approval and a \$400 fee.

The **House PASSED** the bill 91-0 (3/10)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

[HF 2562](#) MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOMES

Establishes rights for owners of mobile/manufactured homes. **Retaliation:** Prohibits retaliation against a tenant for a complaint and presumes that an act by a landlord is retaliation for a tenant complaint to one year. **Rent:** Requires notice in writing 90 days in advance before a rent increase. Makes rent provisions effective on enactment. **Utilities:** Requires 60 days' notice for utility increases unless the landlord does not receive 90 days' notice from the utility. **Services:** Allows a tenant to give written notice of a breach if a landlord deliberately negligently fails to provide running water or essential services. Allows the tenant to obtain alternative services or collect damages or recover rent unless the tenant deliberately/negligently caused the failure. **Sales** Requires a landlord to give a written reason for a denial of a sale of a home by a tenant. Requires sales of homes by a landlord to be in writing and for the landlord to give the buyer the DOT certificate for the home, after the sale is completed. Allows a court to award monetary or equitable relief (voiding the sale) for failures. (continued)

SENATE FLOOR ACTION (CONTINUED)

Bills to the **Governor**: (continued)

HF 2562 MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOMES (*continued*)

Regulation: Prohibits cities and counties from imposing new requirements on replacement homes related to non-conforming uses. Excludes situations when the replacement home would be a substantial safety risk. **Park Sales:** Requires that any successor in interest to the landlord to have the same obligations as the landlord. **Eviction:** Makes changes to forcible entry and detainer proceedings, jurisdiction and timelines. **Abandoned Homes:** Sets timelines for procedures in order to allow service of lienholders. Allows the heirs of a tenant who dies during the term of the lease to cancel the lease with 60 days' notice. Includes other notice requirements and procedural requirements related to abandoned homes.

AMENDMENTS RULED NON GERMANE

[S 5134](#) by [Wahls](#) - *Strike & Replace*: Enacts limits on late fees, on notice for rent increases and requires good cause for terminating leases.

[S 5137](#) by [Wahls](#) - *Strike & Replace*: Enacts protections for owners of manufactured/mobile homes living in mobile home parks, including limits on rent increases, on reasons for eviction,

OTHER AMENDMENTS to [HF 2562](#)

[S 5136](#) by [Quirnbach](#) - Strikes rental provisions and requires the lease to be for one-year unless the tenant requests a shorter lease. Requires 90-days notice for rent increases. **FAILED** 30-18

[S 5135](#) by [Quirnbach](#) - Requires a landlord to give notice five days after receiving notice of a utility increase. **FAILED** 32-16

The **House PASSED** the bill 60-37 (2/21)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 32-16; it now GOES to the **Governor**

Bills RETURNED to the **House**: (1)

HF 2078 WILLS

Requires a clerk of courts to provide a certified copy of a will to an executor only on the request of the executor.

[S 5133](#) by [Garrett](#) - *Strike & Replace*: Adds provisions on electronic presence for signing wills (Allows a witness to a will to be present electronically. Requires the person to demonstrate their electronic presence through verbal answers.) Requires a clerk of courts to provide a certified copy of a will to an executor only on request. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 48-0; it now RETURNS to the **Governor**

Bills to the **House**: (1)

SF 2380 GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER DAY

Makes February 1 George Washington Carver Day in Iowa and authorizes the Governor to issue an annual proclamation.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0; it now GOES to the **House**

HOUSE & SENATE AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

9 AM	SENATE CONVENES	<i>Senate Chamber</i>
10 AM	HOUSE CONVENES	<i>House Chamber</i>